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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 5, 2002, kindly amend the
above-identified Application as follows:

In the Claims::

Cancel without prejudice Claims 1-4, 8, 10 and 11 in favor of new
Claims 14-19, which are attached herewith.

In the Abstract, at Lines 3 and 6 thereof::

Delete the term "microgeometric" in favor of the term --micro-
geometric--.

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